

# PUBLIC HEARING

*Community Action Plan and Needs Assessment Report*

*June 3, 2025*



# BACKGROUND

- Nevada County's designated Community Action Agency
  - Administers Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds
- Resides within the County's Health and Human Services Agency
- Address locally identified issues of poverty
  - Direct services provided through contracts

## **National Vision of Community Action**

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

## **CAP Nevada County Mission**

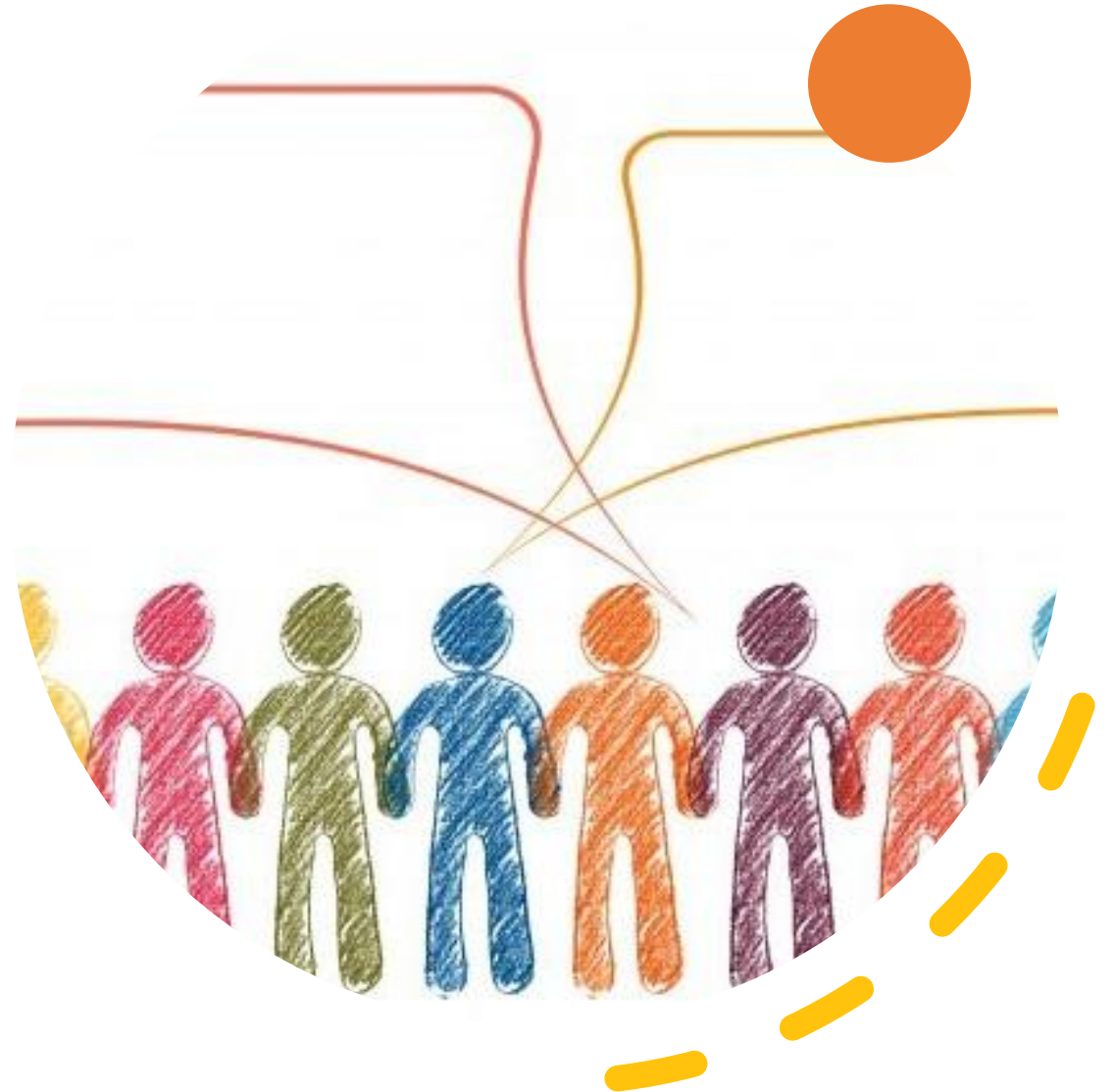
To engage and empower our community to eliminate poverty, to create equity and prosperity, and to assist people in achieving self-sufficiency through direct services, advocacy, and community partnership.

# PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT

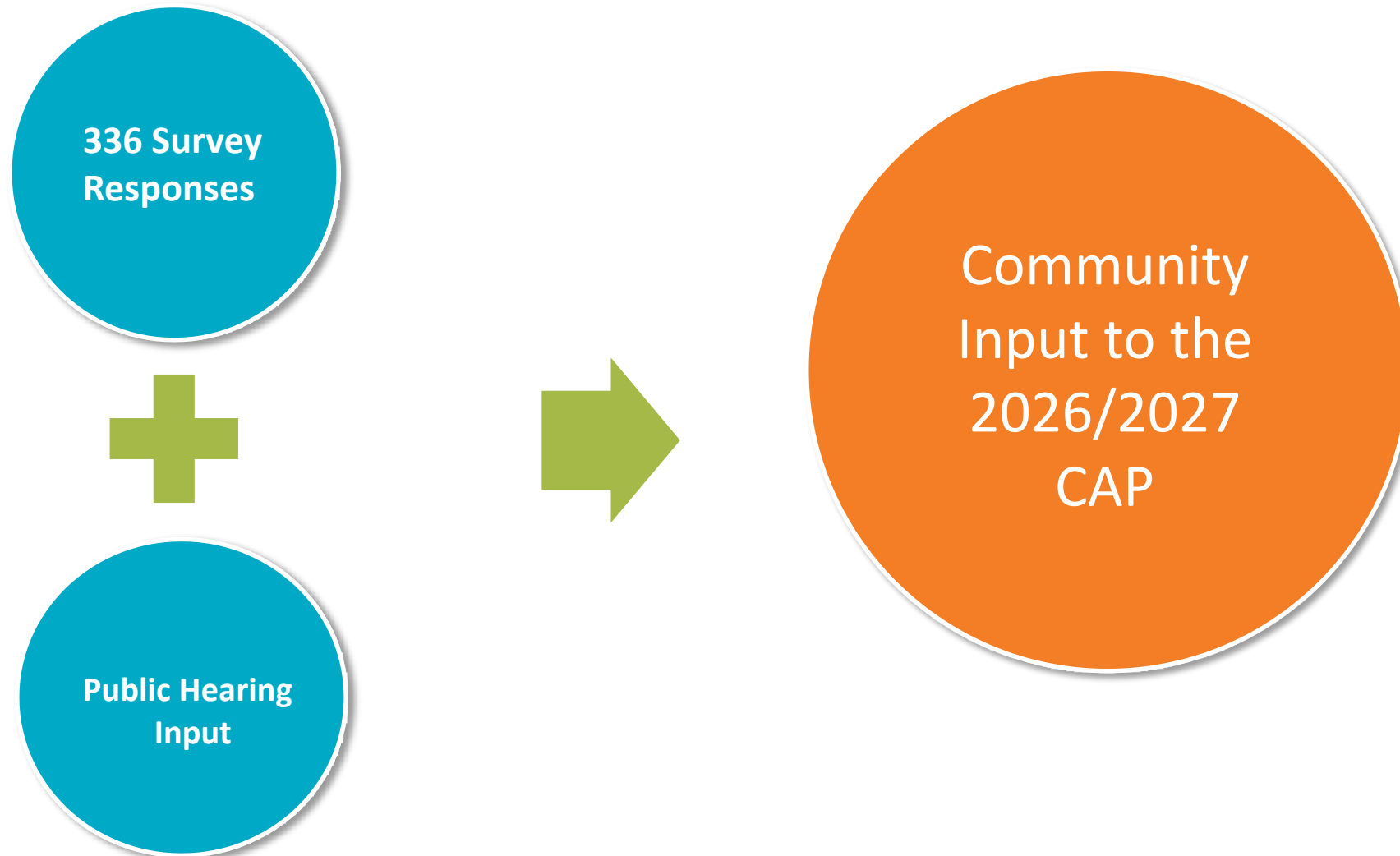
- As required by California Government Code Section 12747 (b)-(d), agencies are required to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the draft Community Action Plan (CAP).
  - *All testimony presented during the public hearing shall be considered for the final CAP*
  - *Agencies shall indicate whether or not the concerns expressed have been addressed in the plan*
  - *The draft CAP must be made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days in advance of the public hearing (posting date was May 2, 2025)*
  - *Notice of the hearing and comment period must be published at least 15 calendar days prior to the public hearing (posting date was May 2, 2025)*

# COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Requirement for Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards
  - Information collected directly from low-income individuals
  - Information gathered from key sectors in the community (CBOs, faith-based organizations, private sector and education)
  - Used to inform the two-year Community Action Plan



# Community Needs Assessment Qualitative Data





# Identified Priorities



## Top Priorities identified through the Community Survey

1. Affordable Housing
2. Living Wage Employment/Increasing Household Income
3. Health and Social/Behavioral Development

# Identified Priorities

Priorities	Programs/Services
Affordable Housing	<p>The Housing &amp; Community Services Division of the HHSA, HHSA Departments, and its partners, administer the following programs as funds are available to support income eligible households.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emergency rental assistance</li><li>• Tenant based rental assistance</li><li>• Project based rental assistance vouchers</li><li>• Space rental assistance</li><li>• Utility assistance</li><li>• HUD VASH vouchers for veterans</li><li>• Down payment assistance</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utility assistance provided by ProjectGO</li><li>• Since 2021, 285 units of affordable housing developed and 6 units of PSH</li><li>• In planning: 10 units of PSH at Pacific Crest Commons</li><li>• In planning: 5 units of permanent housing at the Homekey Site on Badger Lane</li></ul>

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Living Wage Employment/Increasing Household Income	<p>The HHS Employment Services Program provides services that assist families receiving CalWORKs cash assistance in becoming self-sufficient. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paid on the job training</li><li>• Paid positions in private industry</li><li>• Unpaid internships</li><li>• Job search workshops</li><li>• Child Care</li><li>• Counseling</li><li>• Housing assistance</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forging Nevada County Forward job training</li></ul>



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Health and Social/Behavioral Development	<p>The Health and Human Services Agency provides or supports health and social/behavioral development through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medi-Cal and the County Medical Services Program</li><li>• Eligibility for the Medicare program</li><li>• Employment and income services</li><li>• Medication, psychiatric and mental health services through Behavioral Health Department</li><li>• Funding for new psychiatric facility</li><li>• Immunizations, wellness, and nutrition through Nevada County Public Health</li></ul>

# Public Comment

## Public comment

When providing input, please state for the record:

- Your First and Last name
- Which of the following you represent:
  - ☐ Community Member
  - ☐ Recipient of CAP Services
  - ☐ Community Based Organization Staff/Volunteer
  - ☐ Faith-Based Organization Staff/Volunteer
  - ☐ Private Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer
  - ☐ Public Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer
  - ☐ Education Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer
- Feedback/Comments on the Community Action Plan

Feedback can also be provided electronically to [suzi@silkconsultinggroup.com](mailto:suzi@silkconsultinggroup.com)  
through June 20, 2023